

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1        1.        A reproducing apparatus for an recording medium including a content  
2        to be reproduced and a plurality of selectable data contents which are related to  
3        an identical reproduction time of the reproduced content, the apparatus  
4        comprising:

5                a memory for storing a plurality of setting parameters respectively  
6        associated with predetermined kinds of data contents;

7                a discriminator for discriminating the data contents stored in the  
8        recording medium;

9                a parameter selector for selecting at least one of the setting  
10       parameters stored in the memory and associated with the discriminated data  
11       contents; and

12               a content selector for selecting at least one of the data contents stored  
13       in the recording medium based on the selected setting parameter.

1        2.        The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the  
2        discriminator discriminates the data contents stored in the recording medium  
3        based on discrimination information recorded on the recording medium.

1        3.        The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the  
2        discrimination information is BCA data.

1 4. The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the  
2 discriminator discriminates the data contents stored in the recording medium by  
3 analyzing setting data recorded in the recording medium.

1 5. The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein the setting  
2 data is data indicating a total reproduction time of stored data.

1 6. The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein the setting  
2 data is data indicating a total number of chapter of stored data.

1 7. The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the data  
2 contents stored in the recording medium include plural kinds of dubbed audio  
3 data and subtitles data of the reproduced content; and  
4 wherein the content selector includes an audio decoder for decoding  
5 one of the dubbed audio data and a subpicture decoder for decoding one of the  
6 subtitles data in accordance with the selected setting parameter, respectively.

1 8. The reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the  
2 parameter selector automatically selects a predetermined setting parameter  
3 when no parameter setting associated with the discriminated data contents is  
4 stored in the memory.

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1 9. A method of reproducing a content stored in a recording medium  
2 together with a plurality of selectable data contents which are related to an  
3 identical reproduction time of the reproduced content; the method comprising  
4 the steps of:

5 storing a plurality of setting parameters respectively associated with  
6 predetermined data contents in a memory;

7 discriminating the data contents stored in the recording medium;

8 judging whether a setting parameter associated with the discriminated  
9 data contents is stored in the memory;

10 selecting the associated setting parameter when it is stored in the  
11 memory;

12 selecting at least one of the data contents stored in the recording  
13 medium based on the selected setting parameter; and

14 reproducing the contents together with the selected data contents.

1 10. The reproducing method as set forth in claim 9, further comprising the  
2 step of selecting one predetermined setting parameter when no setting  
3 parameter associated with the discriminated data contents is stored in the  
4 memory in advance.